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5,000 Marshals to Train for Skies

WASHINGTON | The Homeland Security Department will train as many as 5,000 customs agents to serve as air marshals when U.S. airliners are especially threatened by terrorists, officials said Tuesday.

The backup air marshals would supplement the current corps of armed, undercover federal officers who travel on flights deemed at risk by security officials.

In periods when intelligence suggests a heightened threat, Homeland Security would be able to dispatch marshals on more flights.

The plan will take the existing air marshal program out of the Transportation Security Administration and place it under the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Both are part of Homeland Security.

Some Democrats in Congress suggested the bureaucratic shuffle was an attempt to hide inadequate financial arrangements for aviation security. JOHN J. LUMPKIN (AP)

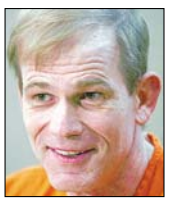
Abortion Killer Eyes 'Reward'

Planned execution raises fears of renewed violence

STARKE, FLA. | An unrepentant Paul Hill said Tuesday on the eve of his execution for the shotgun slaying of an abortion doctor: "I expect a great reward in heaven."

Barring an unlikely last-minute stay, the 49-year-old former minister will be put to death by lethal injection Wednesday evening for the 1994 murders in Pensacola of Dr. John Britton and his escort.

He will be the first American executed for anti-abortion violence.



Hill

Hill suggested the state will be making a martyr out of him.

"The sooner I am executed ... the sooner I am going to heaven," he said. "I expect a great reward in heaven. I am looking forward to glory. I don't feel remorse."

Abortion-rights groups worry that Hill's execution will trigger reprisals by those who share his belief that violence to stop abortion is justified. Several Florida officials connected to the case received threatening letters last week, accompanied by rifle bullets.

Gov. Jeb Bush, who was named in one of those threatening letters, said Tuesday the threats would not keep him from carrying out the law. RON WORD (AP)

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All Your Questions Answered: Where's *Ween* been? Did a guy named *Goldie* really invent drum 'n' bass? *Elia Kazan* and *Arthur Miller* — pals or what? How can I fly the Old West without leaving my basement? Any accordion music nearby? What is *Jack Osbourne* up to, anyway? And is it just us, or is TV getting really gay? Answers in **ENTERTAINMENT | 11-12**

EyeOpeners

DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

ATTRACTIONS

Where Shoes Grow on Trees

Tired of that same worn-out pair of Reeboks? Then why not take a trip to a town in Indiana that offers free shoes — you just have to climb to get them. The Shoe Tree, as it's come to be called, has become a local institution in Milltown, Ind. According to a new book called "Oddball Indiana," residents began chucking their shoes into its branches 25 years ago, and the tree has since developed quite a collection of styles and sizes. (AP)

HOMESTEAD

Get the Ducks Out

Ferris State University student Beckie Ingham is in hot water over a pair of pet ducks. The 27-year-old was facing eviction last week from her on-campus townhouse for refusing to get rid of two mallard ducks that live with her and her 4-year-old daughter, The Grand Rapids Press reported. Ingham says the ducks fit under a lease that allows "caged birds." Campus officials say that language is meant for parrots and parakeets. (EXPRESS)

HEARSAY | EMERGENCY

"I spent almost $10 on food and I wanted some sauce. I was told I would have to pay extra for sauce. It's not a store policy."

— LULA BROWN, OF AVON, OHIO, TELLING WKYC-TV WHY SHE CALLED 911 FROM A MCDONALD'S TO COMPLAIN ABOUT A CHARGE FOR EXTRA CONDIMENTS.

ANIMAL WATCH

Cows With The Munchies

The cow pies in a farm field in northern New York could be called "pot" pies. Police in Ticonderoga, N.Y., have removed hundreds of marijuana plants they say grow from seeds spread in the waste of grazing cows. The police chief told the Plattsburgh Press Republican that nobody has been intentionally planting the seeds. He said the landowner asked to have the plants removed. (AP)

TRANSPORTATION

Tricks of the Road

Officials in Phoenix and Peoria, Ariz., are using a new ploy to get motorists to slow down: fake speed bumps. The "bumps" are actually shapes painted on the road in a way that tricks motorists into thinking they're approaching raised pavement, The Arizona Republic reported. The idea is new to Arizona, but has been tested in other U.S. cities. (EXPRESS)

FOOD

Squirming Supplement

A worm a day keeps the doctor away — at least for a firefighter in central Thailand. Paisit Chanta said Tuesday he's been eating a live worm every day for nearly three decades, and that it's been the secret to his health. The 39-year-old says a mild flu is the worst illness he's had since he began his dietary regimen. For the record, he likes chewing the worms, saying it's like "eating mushy sticky rice." (AP)

JULIA EWAN/TWP

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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Today	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Hi 82 Lo 70	Hi 82 Lo 64	Hi 78 Lo 60	Hi 80 Lo 60	Hi 82 Lo 64

UV Index (for solar noon)
3 out of 10, low

Air Quality Index (AQI)
AQI Today: Good

Pollen Index (Yesterday)
Reading: Main offender: Not available

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Nation

States Lag In Cancer Funding

WASHINGTON | Cancer deaths may be leveling off after several years of decline, and many states are lagging in proven methods to fight the most common tumors, says the nation's annual report on cancer.

Sixteen states spend less than $1 per person on tobacco control — far less than the $5 to $10 per person recommended — even though smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer, the nation's top cancer killer. Screening for breast and colorectal cancer varies widely, too.

And there's a widening racial gap as white Americans increasingly survive certain tumors better than blacks, says the report published Tuesday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The report's overarching finding is sobering: Death rates for all cancers had been inching down by about 1.4 percent a year through the mid-1990s, but by 2000 that decline seems to have leveled off.

At least part of that is due to a statistical quirk — a change in how cancer deaths are recorded that mean fewer were being missed in national counts starting in 1999.

About 556,500 Americans will die of cancer this year, and 1.3 million will be diagnosed with it. LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)

Ex-POW Lynch Lands $1 Million Book Contract

NEW YORK | Jessica Lynch, the former prisoner of war whose capture and rescue from an Iraqi hospital made her a national hero, has agreed to a $1 million book deal with publisher Alfred A. Knopf.

Lynch

"I Am a Soldier, Too: The Jessica Lynch Story," co-written by Pulitzer Prize winner Rick Bragg, is scheduled to come out in mid-November with a first printing of around 500,000 copies. (AP)

ELECTION 2004 | CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

CHRIS HONDROS/AFP/GETTY

ON THE TRAIL: Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) pumps his fist to the crowd during a campaign rally Tuesday in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Kerry formally launched his campaign Tuesday, beginning an intense two-day tour of South Carolina, Iowa, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Court Tosses Out Death Sentences

Ruling affects more than 100 inmates in three states

SAN FRANCISCO | A federal appeals court threw out more than 100 death sentences in Arizona, Montana and Idaho on Tuesday because the inmates were sent to death row by judges instead of juries.

The case stems from a 2002 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, in which the high court found that juries, not judges, must render death sentences.

But the Supreme Court left unclear whether the new rules should apply retroactively to inmates awaiting execution.

In an 8-3 vote, the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said all condemned inmates sentenced by a judge should have their sentences commuted to life in prison.

The ruling applies only to Arizona, Idaho and Montana, the only states in the 9th Circuit that have allowed judges to impose death sentences.

Two other states, Nebraska and Colorado, have also allowed judges to sentence inmates to death. But the federal appeals courts that oversee them have yet to rule on the issue.

The ruling affects approximately 3 percent of the 3,700 people on death row in the United States.

Attorneys for Arizona estimated that the decision affects around 100 inmates on that state's death row alone. DAVID KRAVETS (AP)

Janklow in Court Over Fatal Wreck

S.D. Congressman charged with reckless driving, manslaughter

FLANDREAU, S.D. | On the same day his fellow members of Congress returned to Washington, Rep. Bill Janklow made his first court appearance Tuesday on second-degree manslaughter and reckless driving charges stemming from a deadly motorcycle crash.

Janklow did not speak during the five-minute hearing, but several supporters of the former four-term governor gathered outside and a "We Still Love Bill" sign could be seen from the courthouse in Flandreau — the Republican lawmaker's hometown.

ERIC LANDWEHR/AP

Rep. Bill Janklow, assisted into a South Dakota court Tuesday, has another hearing scheduled later this month.

His lawyers requested a hearing, which was set for Sept. 25-26.

Investigators say Janklow, 64, was doing 71 mph in a 55 mph zone when he ran a stop sign on Aug. 16 and collided with a motorcycle driven by Randy Scott. Scott died at the scene.

Moody County State's Attorney Bill Ellingson charged Janklow on Friday with second-degree manslaughter, reckless driving, speeding and failure to stop.

If convicted, Janklow could get up to 10 years in prison and a $10,000 fine for second-degree manslaughter and a year in jail and a $1,000 fine for reckless driving. CARSON WALKER (AP)

Group Wants Clark to Mount White House Bid

WASHINGTON | Three guys in a cramped office two blocks from the White House are trying to get former four-star general and NATO supreme commander Wesley Clark to run for president.

The DraftWesleyClark.com organization has collected $1 million in contribution promises from about 7,500 people for a potential Clark candidacy. (WASHINGONPOST.COM)

Drafting Wesley Clark: Terry Neal's Talking Points column looks at the effort | washingtonpost.com/politics

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Iraq Occupation Could Cost $29B a Year, Report Says

A U.S. occupation of Iraq that relies on the creation of two new Army divisions could cost up to an estimated $29 billion annually, according to an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office. Relying on existing soldiers serving one-year tours would cost as little as $8 billion a year but would mean the force would steadily shrink as troops were rotated out of Iraq, the study said. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Supreme Court Urged to Take Guantanamo Case

The Supreme Court was asked Tuesday to consider whether the Bush administration has violated the Constitution by holding 660 terrorist suspects in Cuba without charges or access to attorneys. The appeal was being filed on behalf of some detainees at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay and their families. The detainees are suspected of ties to the al-Qaeda terrorist network or Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime.

An appeals court in Washington ruled earlier this year that the inmates have no rights to hearings in American courts, or other constitutional protections, because they are aliens held outside U.S. territory. (AP)

TROY, MICH.

Arrests Made in Hotel Attack

A hotel worker was shot to death and a guest wounded early Tuesday in a hotel robbery, and the shooter and several other suspects were arrested within hours, police said. The victims were found about 1:30 a.m. at the Troy Holiday Inn in this Detroit suburb. Troy police Lt. Steve Zavislak did not say how many suspects were in custody or identify them but said, "We're confident we have the shooter in custody." (AP)

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Nation

Hinckley to Request Visits

Reagan gunman lobbies for unsupervised trips to his parents' house

WASHINGTON | The man who shot President Reagan 22 years ago will get a chance this fall to convince a federal court judge that his mental condition has improved enough that he should be allowed to visit his parents without supervision, a federal judge ruled Tuesday.

John Hinckley Jr., 48, has been a patient at St. Elizabeths Hospital since he was acquitted by reason of insanity in the shooting of Reagan and three others outside a Washington hotel in March 1981. Hinckley said he shot the president to impress actress Jodie Foster.

RON EDMONDS/AP

John Hinckley arrives at a federal court house to plead for unsupervised travel.

U.S. District Court Judge Paul L. Friedman set either Nov. 3 or Nov. 17 for hearings on whether Hinckley should be allowed to have 10 unsupervised visits, including five overnight trips with his parents.

Hinckley was in the courtroom sitting at the defense table. His parents were also in the courtroom, but U.S. marshals rejected a defense request to allow them to visit with Hinckley after the hearing.

Federal prosecutors objected to the move, citing Hinckley's "history of deception and violence."

JONATHAN D. SALANT (AP)

FBI Releases Photos in Bomb Death

ERIE, PA. | The FBI on Tuesday released photos of a metal collar found around the neck of a pizza delivery man who robbed a bank and then was killed when a bomb strapped to his body exploded.

FBI Agent Bob Rudge said the bureau hopes that by releasing the photos, someone may come forward to help solve the strange case.

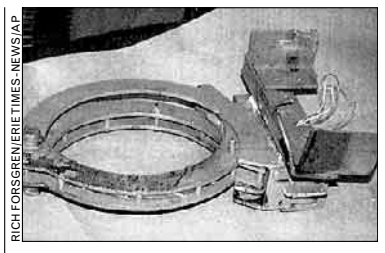
Arrested Thursday after a bank robbery, Brian Douglas Wells told authorities someone had forced him to rob the bank. He told officers a bomb was attached to him, but he died when it exploded before the bomb squad could get there.

At a news conference Tuesday, Rudge showed photographs of the triple-banded metal collar he said was around Wells's neck and a lock that kept it in place. The bomb was attached to the collar, officials said.

According to police and the FBI, Wells produced an "extensive" robbery note at the bank, which has been sent to handwriting experts.

Meanwhile, authorities released autopsy information on one of Wells's co-workers, Robert Pinetti, who was found dead Sunday at his home in nearby Lawrence Park Township.

Officials don't know if his death is linked to Wells's case. JUDY LIN (AP)


RICH FORSGREN/ERIE TIMES-NEWS/AP

Police say this metal collar held the bomb that killed an Erie, Pa., bank robber.

REMEMBERING | FLOOD VICTIMS

ORLIN WAGNER/AP

CONDOLENCES: A memorial for the Rogers family in Liberty, Mo., draws visitors such as Sue Wright on Tuesday. Melissa Rogers and her four children, ages 1 to 8 years old, drowned after flood waters swept their vehicle off Interstate 35 late Saturday. Melissa's husband, Robert, survived the incident.

Atlantic Cruise Cut Short as Hundreds Fall Ill

NEW YORK | An ocean liner docked Tuesday after cutting short a cruise across the North Atlantic because more than 300 people had become sick with a Norwalk-type virus.

Only two passengers remained ill when the Regal Princess docked, said Steve Nielsen, vice president of Caribbean and Atlantic operations for Princess Cruises. They remained on the ship for treatment and will be released Wednesday, he said.

The remainder of the 1,528 passengers and 679 crew members were allowed to leave the ship.

The illness, which causes nausea and vomiting, is highly contagious but lasts only 24 to 48 hours. (AP)

World

Arafat May Be Expelled, Official Says

Minister says it was a mistake not to exile him two years ago

JERUSALEM | Israel could seek to expel Yasser Arafat by the end of the year, the Israeli defense minister said Tuesday, calling the Palestinian leader the biggest obstacle to peace.

Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz, who has long supported expelling Arafat, issued the warning as Arafat and his prime minister, former deputy Mahmoud Abbas, remained locked in a power struggle.

In an interview with Israel's Army Radio, Mofaz said Israel made a "historic mistake" when it decided not to exile Arafat two years ago.

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Ghassan Khatib said Mofaz's threat of expelling Arafat only raised tensions, "but is consistent with the spirit of escalation of the Israeli leadership." R. PLUSHNICK-MASTI (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

➜ Israeli soldiers killed an Islamic Jihad militant who drew a pistol on troops at a West Bank roadblock, military sources said.

➜ Militants in the Gaza Strip fired two mortar shells at a Jewish settlement and five anti-tank missiles at another settlement.

➜ The army planned to allow up to 10,000 Palestinian workers through the main Gaza checkpoint Wednesday.

DAVID GUTTENFELDER

A wounded Iraqi police officer is led by fellow officers after a car exploded Tuesday outside a police station in Baghdad. At least 12 others were injured.

In Afghanistan, Taliban Regroup

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | The Taliban are no longer on the run and have teamed up with al Qaeda once again, according to officials and former Taliban who say the religious militia has reorganized and strengthened since their defeat at the hands of the U.S.-led coalition nearly two years ago.

The militia, which ruled Afghanistan espousing a strict brand of Islam, are now getting help from some Pakistani authorities as well as a disgruntled Afghan population fed up with lawlessness under the U.S.-backed interim administration, according to a former Taliban corps commander.

"Now the situation is very good for us. It is improving every day. We can move everywhere," said Gul Rahman Faruqi, a corps commander of the Gardez No. 3 garrison during the Taliban's rule.

In the Afghan capital, a Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the religious militia, working with al Qaeda, has regrouped, changed tactics and now operates in Afghanistan and in Pakistan. KATHY GANNON (AP)

INDIA | HEIGHTENED PROFILE

GAUTAM SINGH/AP

RECOGNITION: India's main opposition leader and president of the Congress Party, Sonia Gandhi, waves to supporters Tuesday during a rally north of Bangalore to commemorate three years of "Stree Shakti," a state program to empower rural women.

Cleric's Brother Rails Against U.S.

Blames 'occupation force' for revered Shiite leader's death

NAJAF, IRAQ | The brother of a cleric assassinated in a car bombing told 400,000 mourners he blamed the U.S. occupation forces for the lax security that led to the attack at Iraq's most sacred Shiite mosque.

Also Tuesday, another car bomb struck police headquarters in central Baghdad, killing an Iraqi policeman and wounding at least 13 others in the latest attack apparently targeting Iraqis working with the American-led occupation.

The U.S. military also reported the deaths of three more American soldiers — two of them in the bombing of a convoy in southern Iraq.

At the funeral for Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim, his brother raged against the American troops. "The occupation force is primarily responsible for the pure blood that was spilled in holy Najaf," said Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, the ayatollah's brother and a member of the U.S.-picked Governing Council.

A senior Iraqi police official said there were nine key suspects in the bombing in custody — two Saudis, one Palestinian carrying a Jordanian passport and six Iraqis. All nine admitted ties to the al Qaeda terror network, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. TAREK AL-ISSAWI (AP)

Photo Gallery: Images of Grief from al-Hakim's funeral, from Washington Post photographer Jahi Chikwendiu, at washingtonpost.com/cameraworks

In Brief

NORTH KOREA

Government Softens Stance Regarding Diplomatic Talks

North Korea said Tuesday that it is willing to resolve the dispute over its nuclear program "through dialogue," in an apparent softening of its stance following last week's six-nation talks in Beijing. After last week's talks, North Korea angrily dismissed the need for more talks and threatened to strengthen its "nuclear deterrent force." (AP)

UNITED NATIONS

WHO Urges Flu Vaccines

The United Nations health agency urged medical authorities worldwide on Tuesday to launch an influenza vaccination campaign, saying it would help stop confusion in future outbreaks of SARS. The World Health Organization said that flu symptoms are often confused with those of SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome. Immunizing people against flu will make it easier for doctors to decide whether someone is suffering from flu or SARS. (AP)

HEARSAY | PERKS, FORESHORTENED

"In [the] future, there will be no more social security under palm trees."

—GERMAN HEALTH & SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTER ULLA SCHMIDT

SCHMIDT SAID TUESDAY THAT GERMANY WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD TO CLAIM WELFARE PAYMENTS, REACTING TO OUTRAGE OVER A RETIREE WHO USED GERMAN SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDS TO PAY HIS RENT IN MIAMI.

World

Indonesia Court Sentences Cleric

Authorities try to curb extremism without alienating mainstream

JAKARTA, INDONESIA | A court sentenced Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir on Tuesday to four years in prison for sedition, but threw out charges that he belonged to al Qaeda's main Asian ally — even though some of Southeast Asia's top terror suspects have named him as the group's spiritual leader.

Judges said there was insufficient evidence that the ailing, soft-spoken 65-year-old preacher is the top power behind — or even a member of — Jemaah Islamiyah, the group blamed for the October 2002 Bali nightclub bombings and the Aug. 5 bombing of Jakarta's Marriott Hotel.

However, they also found that Bashir was privy to, and did nothing to stop, plans by Jemaah Islamiyah to overthrow the government of Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation.

Bashir was arrested last October in the wake of the Bali nightclub bombings, which killed 202 people. He has not been charged with involvement in the Bali blasts or the Marriott bombing, which killed 12 people. But prosecutors maintained that under his leadership, Jemaah Islamiyah plotted to kill Indonesia's president and establish a hardline Islamic regime.

The sentence, which fell short of the 15-years' imprisonment sought by prosecutors, suggested that Indonesian authorities want to curb extremism without alienating mainstream Islamic opinion.

Bashir, who is being held in a detention facility in Jakarta, said he would appeal the judgment.

The trial was politically sensitive for President Megawati Sukarnoputri, whose coalition government depends on the support of moderate Muslim parties.

The United States and Australia have warned their citizens to avoid travel to Indonesia because of the high risk of further attacks on Westerners by Jemaah Islamiyah.

SLOBODAN LEKIC (AP)

BAY ISMOYO/AFP/GETTY

Supporters of Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir protested in Jakarta Tuesday. Bashir was found guilty of taking part in a plot to overthrow the government.

Russians, Saudis Sign Oil Pact

MOSCOW | Russia and Saudi Arabia — the world's largest oil exporters — signed oil industry cooperation agreements Tuesday during a landmark visit to Moscow by the Arab kingdom's ruler.

Crown Prince Abdullah, who met with President Vladimir Putin, is the first Saudi head of state to visit post-Soviet Russia. A Saudi crown prince last visited in 1932.

After talks, Russian and Saudi energy ministers signed a five-year agreement on cooperation in the oil and gas industry. The deal also calls for joint ventures in oil and gas exploration and research.

The two sides also were expected to take up the sensitive question of whether rebels in the secessionist republic of Chechnya receive funding from Saudi charities.

VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV (AP)

TAIWAN | TYPHOON SEASON

JEROME FAVRE/AP

FUTILE DEFENSE: A woman in Taipei struggles to hold her umbrella Tuesday as she is buffeted by strong winds brought on by typhoon Dujuan, which drenched Taiwan before churning toward Hong Kong and China.

Fugitive Hunt Unsettles Macedonia

VAKSINCE, MACEDONIA | Former ethnic Albanian fighters warned on Tuesday that they might take up arms again if Macedonian government forces hunting a fugitive militant push too far in the siege of a village.

The siege of Vaksince has raised fears of a return to 2001 clashes that shook this tiny Balkan nation, where tensions are high between the minority ethnic Albanians and the ethnic Slav majority.

Hundreds of residents have fled the mainly ethnic Albanian village since government troops and police, using helicopters, trucks and roadblocks, sealed it off in a hunt for Avdil Jakupi, leader of the self-styled Albanian National Army.

Former fighters in the 2001 insurrection warned if Macedonia's forces push further, they will fight back. (AP)

ALBANIAN NATIONAL ARMY

The 2001 insurrection ended in a Western-brokered peace plan, but tensions persist. Avdil Jakupi's Albanian National Army has taken responsibility for several attacks in Macedonia since the peace agreement took force.

U.S. Missile Shield May Protect Japan

TOKYO | The United States may bring Japan under its planned ballistic missile shield as early as next year by stationing a warship armed with newly developed interceptors in Japanese waters, a news report said Tuesday.

Such a deployment would help blunt the threat posed by North Korea's increasingly sophisticated warheads until Japan acquires its own U.S.-developed ballistic missile defense system in several years.

Officials at the Defense Agency in Tokyo were not immediately available for comment. A U.S. Navy spokesman in Japan said he was unaware of such plans.

The report came days after Japan's military unveiled plans to acquire two weapons systems of the U.S. ballistic missile shield. (AP)

Region

In Brief

FAIRFAX COUNTY

Search on for ATM Crooks

Fairfax County police on Tuesday said they are looking for a group of ATM bandits who have struck at least four times since June, drilling open and looting ATM machines inside hotels and restaurants. Police said the crew of five white men has stolen more than $30,000. (AP)

THE DISTRICT

'Gentleman Bandit' Misses Initial Court Appearance

The suspect who authorities believe might be the "Gentleman Bandit" failed to show up for his initial court appearance Tuesday because he was in another courtroom dealing with an outstanding warrant. Authorities believe Kevin Patrick Luke Brown fits the description of a well-dressed robber who has struck downtown several times since 1995. Brown's federal court appearance was rescheduled for Wednesday. (AP)

8,000 Students Missing Shot Records

WASHINGTON | Tuesday's first day of school in the nation's capital saw an estimated 8,000 public school students kept out of the classroom, at least for part of the day, because they could not prove they had been immunized.

The number, while high, is down considerably from a year ago, when about 41,000 students were turned away from school.

A mobile clinic visited some schools in the District Tuesday, providing the needed shots to get the kids back into class. (AP)

Choices: The Dept. of Education's Nina Rees talks school vouchers at 10 a.m., washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

TRANSPORTATION | MAGNETIC PULL

BILL TIERNAN/THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT/AP

WORKING ON THE RAILROAD: Brandon L. Cromer labors on the Maglev train, the nation's first magnetic levitation train project. Old Dominion University will spend $2 million on the train, but more money is needed.

Testimony of Guards Allowed at Malvo Trial

FAIRFAX, VA. | The judge in the capital murder trial of Lee Boyd Malvo will allow the testimony of two prison guards who say the sniper suspect bragged to them about committing several of the shootings.

Defense lawyers had sought to suppress the testimony of Maryland prison guards Joseph Stracke and Wayne Davis, contending Malvo invoked his right to remain silent before speaking with the guards.

But Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush ruled Tuesday that the testimony can be heard at trial.

During a July 24 pretrial hearing, the guards testified that Malvo said he shot 13-year-old Iran Brown, of Bowie, Md., to rattle then-Montgomery, County, Md., Police Chief Charles Moose. Malvo also said the initial plan had been to shoot a bus full of students, but was aborted because the bus pulled in the wrong way.

Malvo

The guards said Malvo also spoke of racial hatred as a motive for some of the killings and that Malvo said he shot black people because the police would have acted swifter if all the victims had been white.

Defense lawyers said the prison guards essentially coerced the confession from Malvo. But prosecutors said that Malvo spoke willingly.

MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Prosecution wins: Tom Jackman reports on Lee Boyd Malvo's defense team losing its effort to keep Malvo's words out of court. washingtonpost.com/metro

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Money

Media Merger Closer

Deal between NBC, Vivendi would create entertainment giant

PARIS | General Electric Co.'s NBC emerged the winner Tuesday of a tortuous, months-long contest for the entertainment assets of Vivendi Universal, which include a major movie studio, three cable channels, a television studio and several theme parks.

NBC and Vivendi said they intend to combine the assets into a new company, which would most likely be called NBC Universal, though a final deal has yet to be worked out.

A merger, should it come to pass, would create a major media player with $13 billion in annual revenues that would include NBC's television network, an array of cable networks like MSNBC, CNBC, USA and Sci-Fi, and Universal Pictures.

The deal would give NBC more heft in an industry dominated by titanic companies like AOL Time Warner Inc. and Viacom Inc., which owns MTV and CBS. NBC has been the only major network not owned by a larger media conglomerate. Walt Disney Co. owns ABC and News Corp. owns Fox.

For Vivendi, the deal offers an opportunity to trim back debts — which totaled $13 billion at the end of July.

GE would hold 80 percent of the company, and Vivendi would own 20 percent. JAMEY KEATEN (AP)

HEARSAY | JUSTICE

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Schools Take Aim at File-Swapping

Colleges use software, warnings to stop music downloads

Students arriving for fall classes at colleges across the country are facing new restrictions and stern warnings to discourage the swapping of pirated music and movies over high-speed campus Internet connections.

Some schools are even using software to choke the amount of data that can flow in or out of a computer when students use Kazaa and other file-sharing programs.

And in a new approach disclosed Tuesday, at least a dozen universities are exploring ways to offer students a fee-based music service whose fees could be bundled with room and board costs.

DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP

A California college student samples a song for sale at an Apple online store.

"We're feeling a great deal of pressure as a result of what the entertainment industry is doing, and we're stepping up a lot of activities to address it," said Jim Davis, associate vice chancellor for information technology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Last year, UCLA received dozens of notices every month from record companies and movie studios complaining about copyright violations.

The Recording Industry Association of America regards file-sharing as theft.

Last spring, the RIAA settled lawsuits against four college students who allegedly offered thousands of songs on their campus networks. The group is expected to file several hundred more suits this month.

The industry claims file-sharing is largely responsible for a 31 percent drop in CD sales since mid-2000.

Schools also are increasingly mentioning the issue in student orientations, e-mails and ads in campus newspapers. ALEX VEIGA AND BRIAN BERGSTEI (AP)

Nasdaq Hits 17-Month High; Dow, S&P Up

NEW YORK | The Nasdaq composite index soared to a 17-month high Tuesday following a string of upgrades of such tech heavyweights as IBM and Dell Inc. Analysts attributed the rally — which also lifted the Dow and Standard & Poor's 500 to new 14-month closing highs — to momentum and increasing optimism.

The Dow's biggest winner was IBM Corp., which soared $3.75 to $85.76 after Goldman Sachs upgraded computer hardware stocks. Dell Inc., included in that upgrade, rose 97 cents to $33.59.

Goldman Sachs also raised its rating on software makers, which lifted Microsoft Corp. by 74 cents to $27.26. AMY BALDWIN (AP)

In Brief

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AT&T Files $10 Million Lawsuit Against MCI

AT&T Corp. filed a $10 million lawsuit against MCI on Tuesday, accusing the company formerly known as WorldCom of routing long-distance calls through Canada as part of an alleged scheme that forced AT&T to pay costly fees that MCI should have paid to complete those calls. The civil fraud and racketeering suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Virginia, mirrors charges already being investigated in a federal criminal probe. (AP)

TELEVISION

Comcast Offering Spanish Language TV Package

In an effort to reach out to the growing Hispanic population, Comcast Corp. is offering Cable Latino, a new package featuring Spanish-language news, sports, and educational channels. Comcast Digital Cable customers can add the new service for $9.95, a spokesman said. Other subscribers can access the stations for $24.95. (AP)

FAST FOOD

New Slogan for McDonald's

McDonald's Corp. launched a new global advertising campaign Tuesday, seeking to freshen its image and boost business with the help of its new slogan — "I'm lovin' it."

The new tag line replaces "We love to see you smile." (AP)

CUTBACKS

DHL to Lay Off 2,800

DHL said Tuesday it will lay off 2,870 U.S. workers, including couriers, mechanics and office workers, due to its acquisition of the ground-express delivery operations of Airborne Inc. The layoffs represent about 6 percent of the company's total U.S. workforce of more than 44,000 employees, a DHL spokeswoman said. (AP)

Manufacturing Rises in August

NEW YORK | Manufacturing activity picked up strongly in August for a second straight month, but the employment picture remained grim.

The Institute for Supply Management reported Tuesday that its manufacturing index rose to 54.7 last month from 51.8 in July.

Still, employment continued to deteriorate. The manufacturing sector has lost 2.7 million jobs since June 2000, and the ISM index for employment fell to 45.9 in August from 46.1 in July. (AP)

Picking up speed: The Post's Steven Pearlstein will discuss the manufacturing sector at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CorusGr	5.71	+1.02	+21.7
Titan Intl h	2.89	+.39	+15.6
SP Labs	12.00	+1.45	+13.7
ChiYuc	15.77	+1.82	+13.0
DeltaAir	14.35	+1.48	+11.5

Losers

RepubSv	22.65	-1.97	-8.0
AK Steel	2.48	-.16	-6.1
SierrPac	4.73	-.30	-6.0
MS Globl	7.60	-.47	-5.8
CrosTim	21.12	-1.22	-5.5

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Telewest rs	6.44	+1.66	+34.7
Artsft rs h	4.50	+1.11	+32.7
SCM Mic	8.25	+1.87	+29.3
Phazar	3.15	+.69	+28.0
Point.360	3.54	+.77	+27.8

Losers

EuroTech	2.48	-.52	-17.3
Chldtime	2.00	-.35	-14.9
Provalis	6.20	-1.05	-14.5
LipidSci	2.14	-.36	-14.4
EmpireRst	12.33	-1.76	-12.5

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.0625	1.00
3-month	0.95	0.98
2-year	2.04	1.89
10-year	4.60	4.48
30-year	5.34	5.27

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.6373	.6348	.6458
Canadian Dollar	1.3899	1.3864	1.5589
European Euro	.9238	.9104	1.0186
Japanese Yen	116.29	116.74	118.68
Mexican Peso	11.0190	11.0420	9.9350
Taiwanese Dollar	34.11	34.16	34.24

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+107.45	+31.03	+13.98
+1.14	+1.71	+1.39
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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANG
AOL TW	16.52	+.16	+26.1
ClearChan	45.27	+.15	+21.4
Comcast	29.54	-.22	+25.3
Comc sp	28.10	-.28	+24.4
CoxCom	33.04	+.32	+16.3
Disney	20.95	+.45	+28.4
Fox Ent	32.17	+.59	+24.1
Gannett	79.18	+.76	+10.3
GM H	14.98	+.04	+40.0
LibtyMA	12.20	+.10	+36.5
LibtyMB	12.44	+.05	+35.2
NewsCorp	34.90	+.55	+33.0
Thomson	30.14	+.19	+12.8
Viacom	45.65	+.66	+11.9
ViacomB	45.62	+.62	+11.9

Sports

In Brief

PRO FOOTBALL

Patriots Release Four-Time Pro Bowl Safety Milloy

The New England Patriots cut four-time Pro Bowl safety Lawyer Milloy on Tuesday. Milloy, who had started 106 straight games going back to his rookie season in 1996, was a defensive leader on the Patriots team that won the 2002 Super Bowl. He had 19 regular-season career interceptions, seven sacks and seven fumble recoveries. Milloy, 29, had 846 tackles in his seven seasons with the Patriots. (AP)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Florida Gives Hoops Coach Donovan a $500,000 Raise

Florida coach Billy Donovan agreed Tuesday to a new six-year contract that will pay him $1.7 million a year. The contract replaces Donovan's old deal and gives him about a $500,000 raise over what he made last season. Donovan has led the Gators to five straight NCAA tournaments and the team made the national finals in 2000. Donovan remains the highest-paid coach at Florida. (AP)

Donovan

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Virginia Tech Suspends Vick

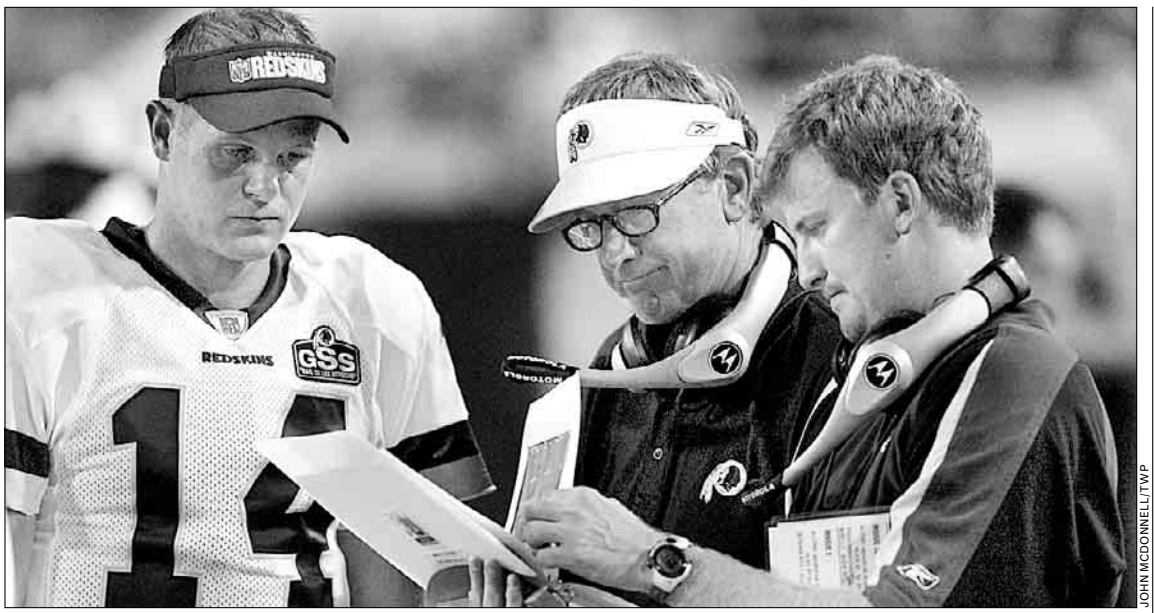
Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick and linebacker Brandon Manning were suspended for one game for violating team policies. The suspensions were announced in a release by the school Monday, and coach Frank Beamer would not comment on why the players were suspended. Vick and Manning will miss Saturday's game against James Madison. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Redskins Will be Without Jacobs for Season Opener

Washington Redskins rookie Taylor Jacobs was released from the hospital Tuesday, five days after being kicked in the stomach during an exhibition game.

The team described the wide receiver's injury as "abdominal trauma." Jacobs, the Redskins' second-round draft pick, will miss Thursday's season opener against the New York Jets and possibly the next game, against Atlanta. (AP)



JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

Steve Spurrier studies photos last Thursday with the now-released Danny Wuerffel (left) and Steve Spurrier Jr.

Spurrier Is Still Same Ol' Ballcoach

Redskins coach hopes passing game will fly during upcoming year

PRO FOOTBALL | The practice was intense, yet Steve Spurrier wasn't watching.

With his back turned to the 11-on-11 drill, Washington's coach was laughing and teaching kicker John Hall a trick that involved bouncing a ball on the ground and catching it behind the back.

In other words, the old Florida ballcoach really hasn't changed much from Year One to Year Two in the NFL. He's still basically a quarterback-and-receivers guy.

There are a few changes at Redskins Park, though.

Gone are the Spurrier favorites he coached at Florida. They've been replaced by several others more suited to the Fun 'n' Gun offense.

Spurrier will pass early and often, and he hopes quarterback Patrick Ramsey matures quickly.

Defensively, there are stars all around, led by cornerback Champ Bailey and linebacker LaVar Arrington. But all that talent could be negated if the defensive line doesn't stop the run.

Spurrier emphasized eliminating penalties and turnovers during camp. But those problems made the team look bad in its first two exhibition games before a better effort against Baltimore. "We think we've got a good plan, but we've got to show it," Spurrier said. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

GOING TO THE MALL
Wednesday's schedule for the NFL Kickoff Festival includes autograph sessions with football heroes such as:

➜ **Noon-1 p.m.** — Recent Hall of Fame inductee Marcus Allen
➜ **1-2 p.m.** — Former Redskins quarterback Joe Theismann
➜ **3-4 p.m.** — Former All-Pro running back Eric Dickerson
➜ **4-5 p.m.** — Former All-Pro Sterling Sharpe

Pigskin Predictions: Michael Wilbon discusses the upcoming NFL season and how the Redskins will fare. washingtonpost.com/liveonline at 2 p.m.

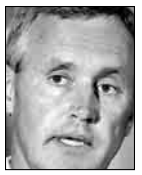
Coach Bars RB Clarett From Practice

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said Tuesday that star running back Maurice Clarett will no longer practice with the team until questions about his eligibility are answered.

Tressel said the underlying reason for his abrupt reversal from 10 days ago was that Clarett's suspension would be lengthy, causing him to miss much of the season.

"It appears to me — without having seen anything official or any black-and-white indications — that the suspension is going to be significant," Tressel said.

Last week, Tressel and athletic director Andy Geiger announced Clarett's suspension from the team. However, they said he would be permitted to practice while the NCAA and an Ohio State panel looked into off-the-field NCAA violations and charges of academic fraud.



Tressel

The sophomore tailback watched Saturday from the bench as Ohio State defeated Washington 28-9. RUSTY MILLER (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Florida has been outscored by Miami's football team, 78-36, the last two times they have played. They play again Saturday.

Mental Health At Issue

Bryant lawyers seek records of accuser from Colo. hospital

DENVER | Kobe Bryant's lawyers have subpoenaed a Colorado hospital to see his accuser's medical records — the first indication that they might make her mental health an issue if the sexual assault case against the basketball star goes to trial.

Bryant

The subpoenas were disclosed in a court filing by attorneys for a Greeley hospital where the 19-year-old accuser was treated in February after police at the University of Northern Colorado determined she was a "danger to herself."

Bryant, 25, is charged with sexually assaulting the 19-year-old Colorado resort employee June 30. Meanwhile, an Iowa college student pleaded innocent in federal court in Denver on Tuesday to making a death threat against Bryant's accuser in a profanity-laced telephone message last month.

John Roche, 22, is accused of leaving a message on the accuser's answering machine July 27, in which a caller threatened to assault the woman with a coat hanger and repeatedly vowed to kill her. Roche remains free on $250,000 bail.

U.S. Magistrate Patricia Coan barred Roche from drinking alcohol and limited his travel to Colorado and Iowa. JON SARCHE (AP)

Today's TV Lineup

BASEBALL (1:10 p.m. on ESPN) Atlanta's Russ Ortiz goes for his 19th win of the season when the Braves visit the New York Mets.

BASEBALL (7 p.m. on Comcast) The Baltimore Orioles look to break out of a tailspin when hosting Tim Hudson and the Oakland A's, who lead the American League West.

BASEBALL (10 p.m. on ESPN2) Kevin Brown pitches for the hosting Los Angeles Dodgers who face the Houston Astros in a game with playoff ramifications for both teams.

TENNIS (11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on USA) If it stops raining in New York, the U.S. Open will continue with quarterfinal-round matches.

Travel

Prepping for Drama-Free Journeys

PLANNING | Even experienced travelers can benefit from thinking about what they must pack or do before leaving home on an extended trip.

- **Timing is all:** Book an evening flight so you have a whole day to get ready, and treat yourself gently. On your day of departure, get a massage, take a yoga class, do whatever makes your body happy.

- **Born to shop:** Buy all the things you need well before it becomes necessary to pack. Sharon Wingler, creator of TravelAloneAndLoveIt.com, has a laminated packing list she leaves in her ever-ready suitcase.

- **Paper and plastic:** Move the credit and identification cards you'll need on a trip from your everyday wallet to a special travel wallet. You probably won't need your Blockbuster ID, for instance. Buy phone cards for emergency calls.

- **Zero hour:** You've made sure the plane is leaving on time. The computer and TV are unplugged. The house plants are in the bathtub. Advises Rob Sangster, author of "Traveler's Tool Kit": "Take the time to think. Let your mind roam around the house and your trip. Remember what you are about to forget." SUSAN SPANO (L.A. TIMES)

JOHN MOORE/AP

New government restrictions are causing nonprofits to end their Cuba travel programs. Above, tourists in Varadero, Cuba.

Go While You Can

Travel to Cuba will be less easy (and less legal) in the future

REGULATIONS | The rumba party isn't over yet for U.S. travelers to Cuba, but the lights have dimmed, the music is fading and guests are starting to leave. It may be time to grab that last dance.

A year ago, business was booming for nonprofits that annually send an estimated 20,000 Americans to Cuba. Then in March the U.S. Treasury Department said it would stop issuing "people-to-people" licenses, which many of these operators use. As the remaining licenses expire — most in November or December — so do these trips.

By next year, many nonprofits expect to have virtually ended their Cuba travel programs or plan to offer far fewer departures. Meanwhile, they are scrambling to redesign tours to qualify under more restrictive licensing categories.

The bottom line: It looks as though you'll still be able to travel to Cuba legally next year, but on fewer and more limited itineraries that may require, for instance, that you spend virtually all your time doing research or delivering humanitarian aid.

If you're thinking of going illegally on your own, without a licensed group or via Canada or Mexico, think again. The Treasury Department is cracking down on these trips too. JANE ENGLE (L.A. TIMES)

Changeable cliffs. Hang out in Virginia's Westmoreland State Park, where the sandstone cliffs are ever-changing due to erosion. In The Washington Post, Style.

ASHLEY STEVEN AYSCUE/AP

Leaves may be pretty, but you'll be aching for a rake by November.

Legends of the Fall

Foliage stalkers, prepare. Fall temperatures are perfect for hikes and festivals, the leaves are always worth a drive and you needn't go too far from most major cities to find hayrides, "haunted walks" and the fruits of the harvest, be it wine from a vineyard or gourds from a farmer's market. Be sure to make hotel reservations in advance, as even the sleepiest rural motels can fill up on peak fall weekends.

If you're traveling in the Northeast, **WWW.YANKEEFOLIAGE.COM**, sponsored by Yankee magazine, provides interactive foliage forecasts, sample driving tours and other ideas for making the most of autumn in New England, as well as recipes for seasonal produce and arts and crafts projects like pressing those colorful leaves. For the truly hardcore, Web cams monitor leaf-color status.

The site **WWW.STORMFAX.COM/FOLIAGE** lists toll-free fall foliage hot lines, Web sites and fall events for 30 states around the country, from California and Montana to Georgia and Rhode Island. Especially useful for grown-ups with curious children, the Web site explains why leaves change color and provides pictures to help you identify which trees those beautiful fallen leaves come from.

The USDA Forest Service has a **"NATIONAL FALL COLOR HOTLINE"** at (800) 354-4595. Its Web site, at www.fs.fed.us/news/fallcolors, offers "fall foliage hotspot" lists for eight national forests from Washington to Virginia (Ohio's Wayne National Forest made the cut, for instance), as well as information about top fall foliage sites in nearly every state, plus Puerto Rico. BETH J. HARPAZ (AP)

TRAVEL TALK

Live Online

The Washington Post travel staff, aka **THE FLIGHT CREW**, takes queries and comments at washingtonpost.com/liveonline every Monday at 2 p.m.

If you are traveling to Canada by car, do you need a passport, or is a driver's license sufficient?

You will need proof of citizenship, so a passport, birth certificate, etc. is necessary — backed up with your driver's license to prove, well, that you know the difference between the brake and the accelerator.

I'm going to London this fall for five days, and I want to take a day trip outside the city for one of them. Is it possible to do both Leeds Castle and Dover in the same day?

I think it's doable: Rail Europe, and others, offer a one-day tour that hits Leeds Castle and Dover, plus Canterbury Cathedral, and they get you back to London by 6:30 p.m. They also charge you an arm and a leg. (http://www.raileurope.com/us/rail/passes/leeds_castle_canterbury_and_dover.htm)

Where is the dollar getting the most bang for the buck?

Canada, as always, is a good bet right now.

You never hear about Rhode Island beaches and I was wondering if there was a reason.

Rhode Island beaches are as wonderful and as under-appreciated as the little state itself. The beaches of Naragansett Bay are great, but no matter where you go, you can't miss. Well, most of the time. Some of the public beaches are overly kid-friendly, but you can always find a sliver to escape to. But you will never have the Cape Cod crowds or traffic, that's for sure. And for an island escape, don't forget bitty Block Island, just an hour's ferry-ride from Point Judith. You can go for the day (head to Mansion or Scotch Beach), or spend the night.

Need another three-day weekend? Maryland football fans (or Florida beach lovers) take note: Fly this weekend to Tallahassee — where the Terps take on Florida State — for only $138 roundtrip. For more last-minute airfares, visit washingtonpost.com/travel.

It's a Gay World After All

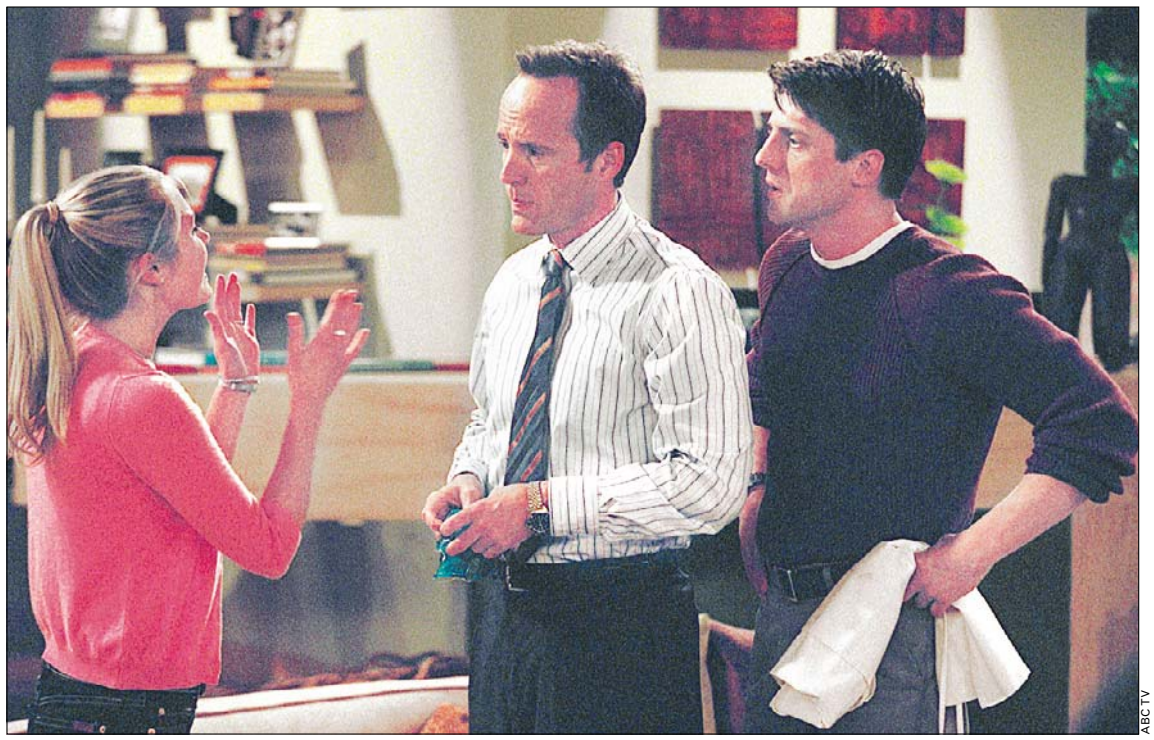
Everything's coming up queer on TV, but some see exploitation

TELEVISION | Gay men have become TV's foremost fashion accessory, shown to possess fabulous taste and deliver the best catty one-liners at any party.

That's a stereotype, to be sure, but one welcomed by some activists because in many ways it's a positive stereotype. Now that Hollywood seems to be embracing depiction of gays on TV — from the gang on "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" to a gay couple's impeccably decorated home on ABC's fall comedy "It's All Relative" — the question is whether the medium benefits the gay community or exploits it.

Al Rantel, an openly gay conservative radio talk-show host, contends that TV's depiction of gays isn't any less offensive than stereotypes of "brainy Asians" or financially astute Jews. "The fact is most gay men are not lispy, prissy, flamboyant queers," he said.

Producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron —creators of "It's All Relative," a clashing-cultures show about a woman with gay fathers who falls in love with the son of working-class bar owners in Boston — are unapologetic that their priority is to connect with the widest possible audience.



ABC TV

LIZ HAS TWO DADDIES: Maggie Lawson confronts her socially problematic fathers on ABC's new sitcom "It's All Relative."

"We're not setting out to change the world," Zadan said. "We're setting out to make a sitcom."

Even if outspoken anti-homosexual groups rally viewers to reject these shows, big media companies tend to be secular in their worship of profits.

Yet even gay-rights proponents have their doubts about casual gayness becoming the norm.

"It's very safe to assume it's going to be part of the (presidential) campaign," Barrios said, adding, "Willie Horton is going to be gay this time" — a reference to the black criminal featured in ads for then-candidate George H.W. Bush in 1988, appealing to fears among middle-class white voters.

Such weighty matters sound like a lot of baggage for the "Queer Eye" guys; still, based on the lens through which TV filters gays, it's safe to conclude that, whatever they contain, those bags will look just fabulous. BRIAN LOWRY (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

GUILTY PLEASURES: Hump Night at Galaxy Hut — nurse a beer, take in terrific, eclectic DJ'ed tunes — means never having to say you're bored by the music. 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, 703-525-8646.

Going Underground

Ween's indie sound finds an indie label

MUSIC | Ween spent most of the '90s as one of the strangest bands on a major-label roster, recording a series of unclassifiable records for Elektra that included elements of country, rock, psychedelia and classic pop.

But while the duo of Aaron "Gene Ween" Freeman and Mickey "Dean Ween" Melchiondo has achieved cult status around the world, its Elektra tenure came and went without a major commercial breakthrough.

If you ask Ween's members, that's just fine. "We held up our end of that dysfunctional relationship," Melchiondo says. "We never contacted them, and we never kissed anybody's [butt]."

Lifelong friends Freeman and Melchiondo spent more than two years writing the material that would make up their new album, "Quebec."

Ween considered several label options, including releasing the disc on its own Chocodog imprint, but ultimately inked a worldwide deal with Sanctuary, which released "Quebec" Aug. 5.

VINJ VISUAL

The unclassifiable duo are hitting it (semi) big with some downsized help.

The group is using its newly independent status to develop its own proprietary software, WeenAmp, which will allow fans one-click access to a streaming radio station, message boards and a peer-to-peer service for trading live concerts.

Buzz on "Quebec" is already high at college radio, for years the lone format that embraced Ween's unconventional sound.

Freeman says he's proud that Ween recorded "Quebec" on its own terms. "We pulled some money together and worked on this record ... we just gave them a full, completed album. That is a good thing." JONATHAN COHEN (BILLBOARD)

Top Stops

FOR COMPLETE EVENT LISTINGS SEE WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT

Squeeze Play: All-Star Bill

1 Glenn Tillbrook was the crafter of impossibly infectious melodies while fronting Squeeze and continues to create crystalline tunes; he also puts on a fine live show. Catch him on this amazing triple-threat tour with eccentric, fearless singer-songwriter Angie Aparo and bittersweet popstress Jill Sobule.

Birchmere; 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., $20; 703-549-7500.

Sunshine Boys: Sugar Ray Radiates

2 Straight out the O.C., if not "The O.C.," Southern California's sunniest boys of summer, Sugar Ray, bring mainland polish and an island attitude to their relaxed, melodic pop mix.

9:30 Club; 815 V St. NW; 9:30 p.m., $25; 202-393-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

AFP/GETTY

Sugar Ray's Mark McGrath as convincingly angst-ridden as ever.

Light of the Phoenix: Memorial Plans

3 Keith Kaseman and Julie Beckman, winning designers of the Pentagon Memorial project, discuss their "light benches" — 184 individual glowingly lit, cantilevered benches that act as both light-giving torches and places of unlikely respite, each inscribed with the name of a victim of the Sept. 11 attack.

National Building Museum; 401 F St, NW; 6:30 p.m., $12 museum members; $17 non-members; $5 students; registration required; 202-272-2448. (Judiciary Square)

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Entertainment

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Jungle Music: Goldie at Five

4 His is the imagination from which sprung of the rhythmically difficult but entrancing "jungle" music and drum 'n' bass. But the fertile-minded, idiosyncratic DJ-ing talent that is Goldie also made an unlikely contestant on "Celebrity Big Brother" at home in Britain. A man of many faces, indeed.

Five; 1214-B 18th St. NW; 202-331-7123. (Dupont Circle)

Polka Hot: Judge Not Lest Ye Dance

5 You'd have to be brave to go onstage with your accordion and make unclassifiably odd, brilliant music that you insist, for some masochistic reason, on calling "polka." Well, soldier, Brave Combo does it every day.

Kennedy Center; 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free. (Foggy Bottom)

BRAVE COMBO: Feel the courage.

HEADS UP: Charles Fenyvesi signs "When Angels Fooled the World: Rescuers of Jews in Wartime Hungary." Politics & Prose; 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m.; 202-364-1919.

Plane Crazy

The loony "Freaky Flyers" has no point: that's the point

GAMES | There are realistic racing games and there are cartoon racing games.

Then, there's "Freaky Flyers."

There are versions of this wild new title from Midway for Xbox, GameCube and PS2, the last of which is reviewed here.

"Freaky Flyers" is a hilarious air racing game. It features a collection of rickety planes that appear to have been stolen from a moth-eaten crop-dusting operation.

Available to fly the crates are a tasteful selection of 14 pilots, including Andre LaToilette, Cactus Rose, Myrna Bookbottom and Traci Torpedoes. There are others you can unlock to add to the mayhem.

Pick a pilot and get ready for a wild trip. You face off with an intrepid group of console-controlled opponents in three-lap races that take you around a series of theme courses, including a run through the Wild West.

Each of the dozen tracks provides a ton of things to do— power-ups to collect, targets to shoot, multiple routes to the finish line.

But almost everything except finishing is optional. You don't have to shoot the targets, you don't have to collect whatever is out there for collecting; just flying as fast as you can will work fine.

AP

Your trustworthy crew welcomes you aboard one of the cartoony "Freaky Flyers."

For a racing game, there's very little feeling of speed. You do get to shoot at the other pilots, and of course they're shooting back, which rachets up the entertainment value.

The cartoony, colorful characters and courses are fun to watch, and the voice-acting — especially the smart-aleck cracks from the pilot — excellent, as is the zany music, with its side-splitting lyrics.

WILLIAM SCHIFFMANN (AP)

VROOM, VROOM!

The best-selling racing games get gamers' adrenalin pumping in a more realistic fashion. The top speedies according to Amazon.com are:

- **Midnight Club 2** for PS2 and Xbox
- **Gran Turismo 3** for PS2
- **Project Gotham Racing** for Xbox
- **Burnout 2: Point of Impact** for GameCube
- **Grand Theft Auto 3** for PS2
- **Apex** for Xbox

Jack O Gets Own Show

TELEVISION | Jack Osbourne will give a "Brit's eye view" of Los Angeles in a new television series, Britain's Channel 4 announced.

The 17-year-old son of heavy-metal star Ozzy Osbourne will host "Union Jack," which is scheduled to air in November. The program will follow Osbourne to parties, premieres and celebrity haunts and feature his opinions on the latest movies and music.

The show would "give a fresh take on all things cool and strange in Hollywood," Channel 4 said Friday.

Osbourne — along with sister Kelly; mother, Sharon; and father, Ozzy — became a star through the MTV reality series "The Osbournes," which follows the profanity-filled proceedings at the British-born rocker's Los Angeles home.

Earlier this year, Jack Osbourne spent two months at a rehabilitation clinic undergoing treatment for alcohol and drug abuse. (AP)

RENE MACURA

Another TV show has signed on to trail Jack Osbourne to parties and clubs.

ON TV TONIGHT

BLACKLIST AND WHITE

AMERICAN MASTERS (9 p.m., PBS) The documentary "Arthur Miller, Elia Kazan and the Blacklist: None Without Sin" takes an in-depth look at the friendship and collaboration between the influential director and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright that was destroyed when Kazan, a former member of the Communist Party, provided a Congressional committee with the names of fellow party members.

The controversy over Kazan's testimony was recently revisited when the director of "A Streetcar Name Desire," "On the Waterfront" and "A Face in the Crowd" received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 1999 Academy Awards.

ERIC DRAPER/AP

DEEP FINKING: Brando in "Waterfront."

While "Blacklist" provides some background on the early Cold War era of fear, Congressional bullies and opportunistic witch hunters, it wisely devotes most of its two hours to how both men incorporated their personal turmoil and political anguish into their art.

LIVE FROM MIAMI

LATIN GRAMMY AWARDS (9 p.m., CBS) Now in their fourth year, the awards honor a wide variety of genres. Awards will be presented in 40 categories. The ceremony, hosted by George Lopez, will include a musical salute to salsa queen Celia Cruz, who died in July.

A BONANZA FOR EBAY

CLEAN HOUSE (10 p.m., Style) I admit it. I have too much stuff. Up in my attic, there's a Kaypro computer that was obsolete when I bought it in 1984. Hey, it still works! In the basement, I still have hundreds of old LP records, including a copy of "The Beatles Second Album" I got for my eighth birthday. Hey, it still plays! I have a plaid (cotton/poly blend, thank you) shirt that I got for Christmas during the first Reagan administration. Hey, it still fits! In other words, I am a candidate for "Clean House," a new series hosted by Niecy Nash and a panel of experts who tell you how to de-clutterize your life. I'm going to start tidying up right now! I'll begin by throwing out the review tape of this show!

CULT CHOICE

NORTH BY NORTHWEST (8 p.m., TCM) An advertising executive (Cary Grant) falls into spy intrigue that takes him from the U.N. Building to Mt. Rushmore in director Alfred Hitchcock's 1959 thriller.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Hybrids Grow Up Fast

It's all in the wheels for General Motors' gas-electric future

HYBRIDS | Engineers at General Motors Corp. have developed a new twist on the hybrid.

Models now available combine gasoline engines and electric motors on the main driveline. The new GM system moves the electric motors to the wheels. They are called wheel hub motors and can dramatically increase torque, or pulling power, while reducing fuel consumption and improving traction.

As a result, a vehicle with a four-cylinder gasoline engine augmented with a pair of wheel hub motors could perform as if it had a V-6, says GM research and development chief Larry Burns.

The system would work in front-wheel drive cars and rear-wheel-drive pickup trucks, turning them into all-wheel-drive vehicles by adding power from the wheel hub motors to the wheels that aren't driven by the standard power plant.

The technology "may enable us to build some pretty exciting future vehicles that have the potential to be as quick as a sports car while providing significant fuel economy improvements," Burns said. GM envisions producing all-wheel-drive gas-electric hybrids by 2010; the wheel motors will probably be part of GM's planned fuel-cell powertrain. JOHN O'DELL (L.A. TIMES)

Toyota's 2004 Prius works hard to save the environment, yet doesn't get all self-righteous about it. If only it were human.

Preview: The Toyota 'Car That Parks Itself' Prius

Could the future really, actually, truly be now? Toyota has unveiled a car that parks itself — yes, even parallel parks itself — and that's a pretty good sign.

The 2004 Toyota Prius, which went on sale Monday in Japan, comes with a system of sensors and automated steering that the company promises will help even hopeless parkers.

The redesigned hybrid car will go on sale in the United States in October. Though it won't have the intelligent parking option, the mid-size sedan is bigger, faster and more family-friendly than its compact predecessors — but costs the same as it did in 2001. (EXPRESS)

2004 TOYOTA PRIUS

Engine (Gas): 4-cylinder aluminum double overhead cam (DOHC) 16-valve VVT-i
Engine (Electric): Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor
Mileage: 59 mpg city, 51 mpg highway, 55 mpg combined
Weight: 2,890 lbs
Length: 175 inches
Cargo Space: 16.1 cubic feet
Acceleration: Zero to 60 mph in about 10 seconds
Options: Auto-dimming rear view mirror, high-intensity discharge headlights, satellite navigation system, integrated Bluetooth compatibility and Smart Entry and Start, which allows hands-free keyless entry and startup
Base Price: 19,995

BY THE NUMBERS: More than two-thirds of those polled in a Yahoo! Autos survey said they talked to their cars; more than half said their cars had names. Forty-eight percent said they consider their cars female. (EXPRESS)

CAR CARE

Live Online

Automotive expert **PAT GOSS** owns Pat Goss Car World Inc., a local car repair company. He chats once a month on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

Should the parking brake be used every time you park?

Using a parking brake is an extremely good idea because it protects the transmission if the car is bumped while it's parked. Use keeps the parking brake cables and related parts from seizing.

How good an idea is it to use fuel additives in your car? Should they be used as a preventative measure or to boost performance?

To boost performance, naah. For preventive maintenance, absolutely positively. Just follow recommended dosages, more is not better.

I have a 2002 Corolla and I drive on D.C. streets every day. How often should I have my tires rotated?

Maximum every 7,500 miles. However, if you're on a 3,000-mile oil change interval, have the tires rotated every other oil change. It's cheaper that way.

I have a 1997 Honda Civic with 88,000 miles. When should I replace the timing belt?

Yesterday. You haven't met the mileage requirement yet, but you've exceeded the time limit. Because it's a Honda, don't play around with it. It has an interference engine. If the belt breaks, it will cause hundreds or thousands of dollars in damage.

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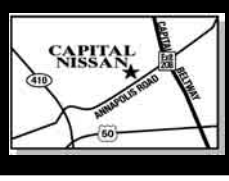

Cars

It Looks Good Coming and Going

Mitsubishi's Lancer Sportback wagon is sportier than it seems

ROAD TEST | It looks better in real life than it does in pictures.

And it has a mouthful of a name — 2004 Mitsubishi Lancer Sportback Ralliart.

This new wagon from Japan is lively, versatile and affordable, with a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, that's likely to be just under $20,000. Final pricing is due to be announced later in September.

Ralliart is Mitsubishi's international performance brand. For 2004, it indicates a new level of trim on two compact Lancer models — the new Sportback body style, which is really a station wagon, and a Lancer sedan.

The Sportback Ralliart comes with a sporty, customized look. A standard lower body kit adds front, side and rear air dams. Other standard features are fog lights, unique grille, tinted headlamp lenses and Euro-flange alloy wheels.

The suspension in the Ralliart is specially tuned, with shock damping that's increased 150 percent in the front and 85 percent in the back for a more controlled ride.

Tires, meanwhile, are upgraded to performance, grippy, 16-inch rubber. The ride is sporty and the handling is commendable.

The front-drive test wagon surprised me because it handled like a fun, hunkered-down car — ready for mountain twisties and the uneven pavement on country roads — but without being punishing.

The Ralliart wagon has an improved, and larger, 2.4-liter, single overhead cam, four-cylinder engine that's capable of developing 162 horsepower and 162 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm.

Still, I was surprised at how sprightly the Sportback felt. The tester seemed to find power easily, and while it didn't slingshot past other cars in passing maneuvers like a sports car might, it behaved with decent zip.

Best of all, the Sportback Ralliart's performance was comfortable and comforting, giving me confidence that it could merge onto freeways capably and climb mountain roads without feeling sluggish. ANN M. JOB (AP)

AP

The Mitsubishi Lancer Sportback Ralliart: another attempt to make wagons cool.

2004 MITSUBISHI LANCER SPORTBACK RALLIART

Type: Front-engine, front-wheel drive, five-passenger, compact station wagon
Engine: 2.4-liter, single overhead cam, in-line four-cylinder
Weight: 3,042 pounds
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Choosing the Right Mechanic

Trust is often lacking in the auto mechanic-customer relationship, given the number of consumer complaints about auto-repair shops each year. Whether it's paying what seems like an exorbitant amount for sub-par work, poor customer service or outright fraud, many consumers have something to complain about when it comes to auto repair.

Here's what to look for to avoid choosing a shady repair shop.

➔ **A NEGATIVE ATMOSPHERE.** See if the technicians are condescending, impatient or unwilling to answer your questions. If you are feeling pressured or scared into making a decision, the answer is clear: Head for the door.

➔ **A MESSY WORK AREA.** It should be organized, neat and should contain modern equipment.

➔ **A VERBAL CONTRACT.** Get a work order or estimate in writing. The shop's labor rates should be clearly posted, and you should be able to get a written copy of any warranty that the shop places on its repairs.

➔ **A BILL THAT KEEPS CHANGING.** Notice if a routine repair becomes more expensive and complicated than it should be.

➔ **ASK AROUND.** Friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors are good sources of information. Find out how long they've been going there and for what kinds of work. See if they've had to return for the same problem. And most of all, find out how the shop treats its customers.

➔ **CHOOSE CERTIFIED.** Pick a shop with certified mechanics. Technicians must pass comprehensive exams to be certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence and they must update their certification every five years.

➔ **TRY TRAINING.** Consider a repair shop that has an ASE Blue Seal of Excellence. To qualify, at least three-quarters of the shop's technicians must be ASE-certified. There must be one technician who is ASE-certified for each repair service that the shop offers. You can also find a repair shop through AAA's Approved Auto Repair. Each shop is considered for reliability, honesty, mechanics' training and fair pricing. Repairs are completed by ASE-certified technicians. It's important to remember that even if you choose a certified shop, it doesn't mean that there are no problems or things for you to worry about.

➔ **DO A LITTLE MORE HOMEWORK.** Check with the Better Business Bureau to get more information about the body shop. Find out if there are any consumer complaints on file. (KRT)

What Not To Do

Let Your Car's Air Get Dirty

How clean is your car air?

➔ Not very, at least during the warmer months of the year. The air in your car can actually be six times dirtier than the air outside, due to the dust, mold spores, pollen and smog that can enter a vehicle through the ventilation and air conditioning systems. You can protect yourself and your passengers from contaminants by replacing the cabin air filter annually or whenever heating or cooling efficiency is reduced, says the Car Care Council. Cabin air filters are especially good for people who suffer from allergies.

What's a cabin air filter?

➔ If your vehicle is a model year 2000 or newer, it probably has one. Check the owner's manual to find out. Replacing the cabin air filter regularly can prevent musty odors and corrosion, which can damage the air conditioner and heater.

When should I change it?

The Car Care Council recommends checking the cabin air filter every 12 months or 12,000 miles. A total car maintenance schedule can be printed from the council's Web site at www.carcare.org. (KRT)

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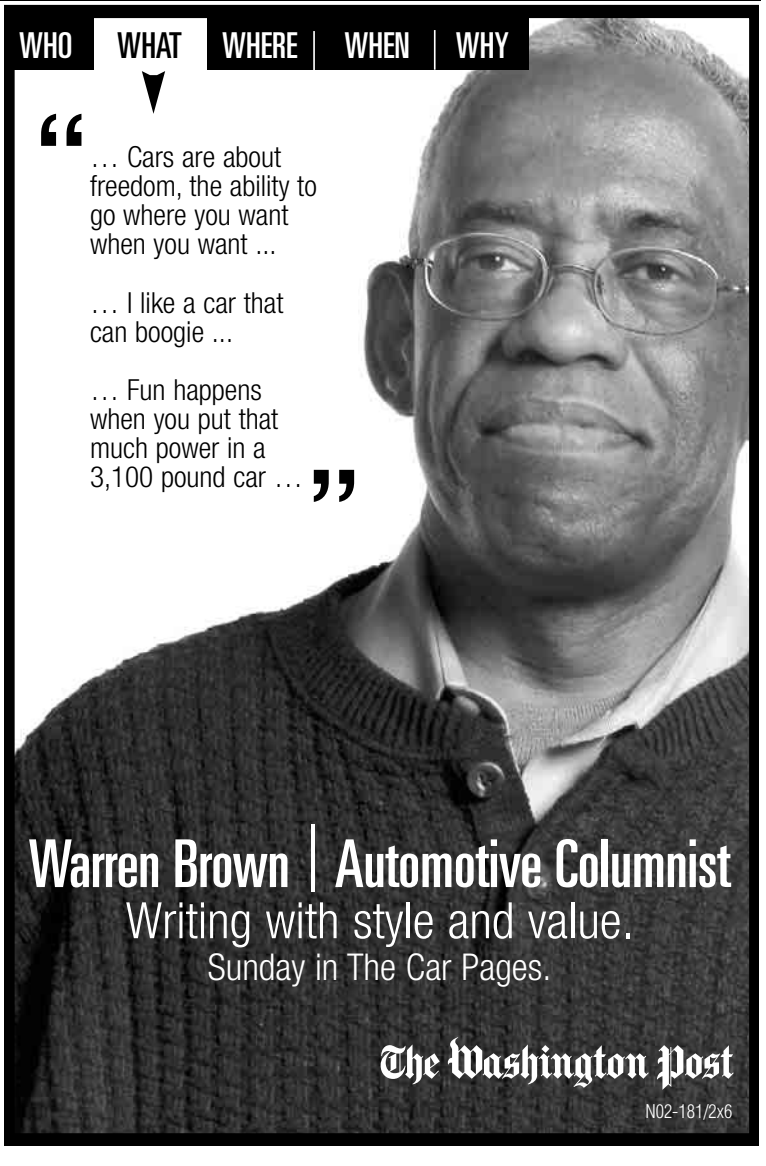

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

I HAVE USED public transportation for seven years. It's one of the best ways to get around. But people can be too picky about it. I don't think Metro cares or is responsible for people who pop gum or do whatever on the train. I came across a woman the other day who scolded me for having my lunch bag on the bench at a bus stop. I just didn't want my food on the ground.

We're all in our own zone. Especially on Metro, a little bit of courtesy is all that's needed for us to get along.

—CATHERINE SINGELSETHER
Germantown, Md.

LET'S NOT ALLOW men to take all the blame for rudeness on the Metro. I've seen just as many women push and shove their way onto trains, especially as the doors are closing. Then there are the hordes of teenage girls who pack themselves onto trains and scream, laugh, run and overtly discuss their graphic sex lives, oblivious to other passengers, including young children. But the worst offense, unique to neither sex, is the poor treatment of physically impaired riders who are prevented from boarding or exiting trains by the inconsiderate.

—JAMES COATES
Alexandria, Va.

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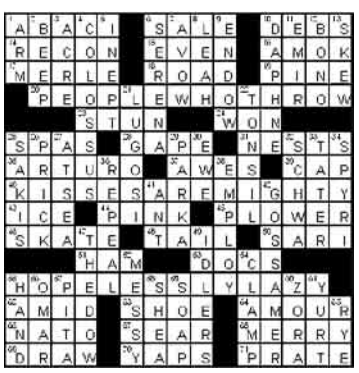

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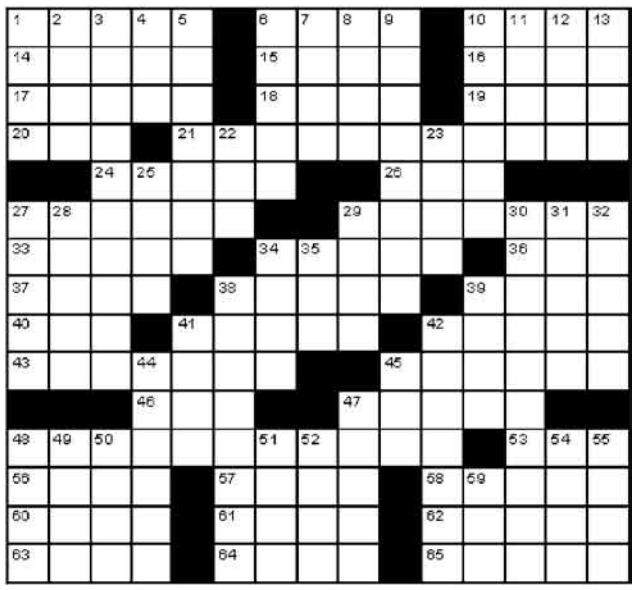

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21 Morning aftertaste
24 Dodge
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27 Blended fine
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33 Catchall column
34 Log house
36 Lobster eggs
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63 Flat-topped formation
64 Walk in water
65 Japanese wines

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6 Resentful-ness
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8 Graph or pilot starter
9 Send a message by wire
10 Oriental temple
11 Color of unbleached linen
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51 "Field of Dreams" setting
52 Offered an excuse
54 Lock opener?
55 Hubbubs
59 Grazing place

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You can be a little more unpredictable without threatening your current position. Have a little fun with routine endeavors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Others will watch you faithfully throughout the day as you attempt to accomplish something that they have only imagined.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You have the answer, but you may not know it just yet. Soon you'll realize that you're sitting pretty.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You'll be plying your trade even during your time off by making plans and looking forward to a coming opportunity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A comedy of sorts will form as a result of mistaken identity and your own confusion over what is really going on not far from home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Don't be impatient; your turn will come. In the meantime, you can do much to support those who are currently in the spotlight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Do everything you can to make up for an unintentional offense that put some things out of reach.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't be too eager to please someone close to you. There is reason to concentrate more on your own needs at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't let others hold you to comments made in the heat of passion over the past few days. You have the freedom to change your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You're knee-deep in something that you can't figure out, but you're getting closer each day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your luck is about to change, but you needn't be fortune's fool. You must play a more controlling role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A move may be in the picture — if not now, then in the near future. It's time to prepare for your new role in a new environment.

WORKING OVERTIME

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

The Post's **KIRSTIN DOWNEY** was online Tuesday discussing labor laws, workplace standards and overtime pay.

My employer seems to think it's perfectly OK to work everyone all hours of the night and day as long as you're given "comp time." What, if anything, does federal law say about comp?

Comp time is a murky legal issue. It's actually illegal in some cases, though increasingly customary. It's also rife with abuse when it occurs, as many employees report that somehow the comp time never really becomes available. You might want to take your question to the Department of Labor's wage and hour division. Also consider checking the equivalent of your state labor office, which would be either the District's Labor Relations office of Department of Employment Services.

I think Americans need more time to spend with themselves and their families. I'm in favor of the four-day workweek. I recall that this was almost passed during President Nixon's term in office. Why don't we raise this question again?

A group called Take Back Your Time (Web site: www.timeday.org) is spearheading a national drive to raise awareness of the issue. But long work hours have been the subject of decades of debate in America. At one point in the 1930s, the Senate passed a bill that would have mandated a 30-hour workweek. The final compromise in the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 was 40 hours, and it covered a larger percentage of the workforce than it does now.

Do you find any companies taking a pro-active measure or measures to weed out forced overtime?

Yes, some hospitals are trying to work with their nurses to eliminate mandatory overtime because they want to become more attractive employers.

Today on Live Online:

11 A.M. Post polling director Richard Marin and assistant polling director Claudia Deane discuss the release of the 2002 exit poll data.

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Michael Jackson smiles as fans chant his name during his birthday party.

CELEBRITY

Jackson's Birthday Bash Takes the (7-Foot) Cake

MICHAEL JACKSON enjoyed a sweet moment at his 45th birthday celebration, when he was presented with a 7-foot-tall cake. Fans of the singer arranged the bash, which included Brian McKnight singing "Happy Birthday" and a line-up of Jackson impersonators, whom Jackson joined onstage to sing "We Are the World." (WENN)

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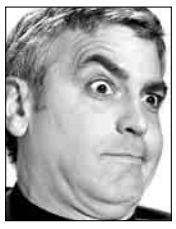

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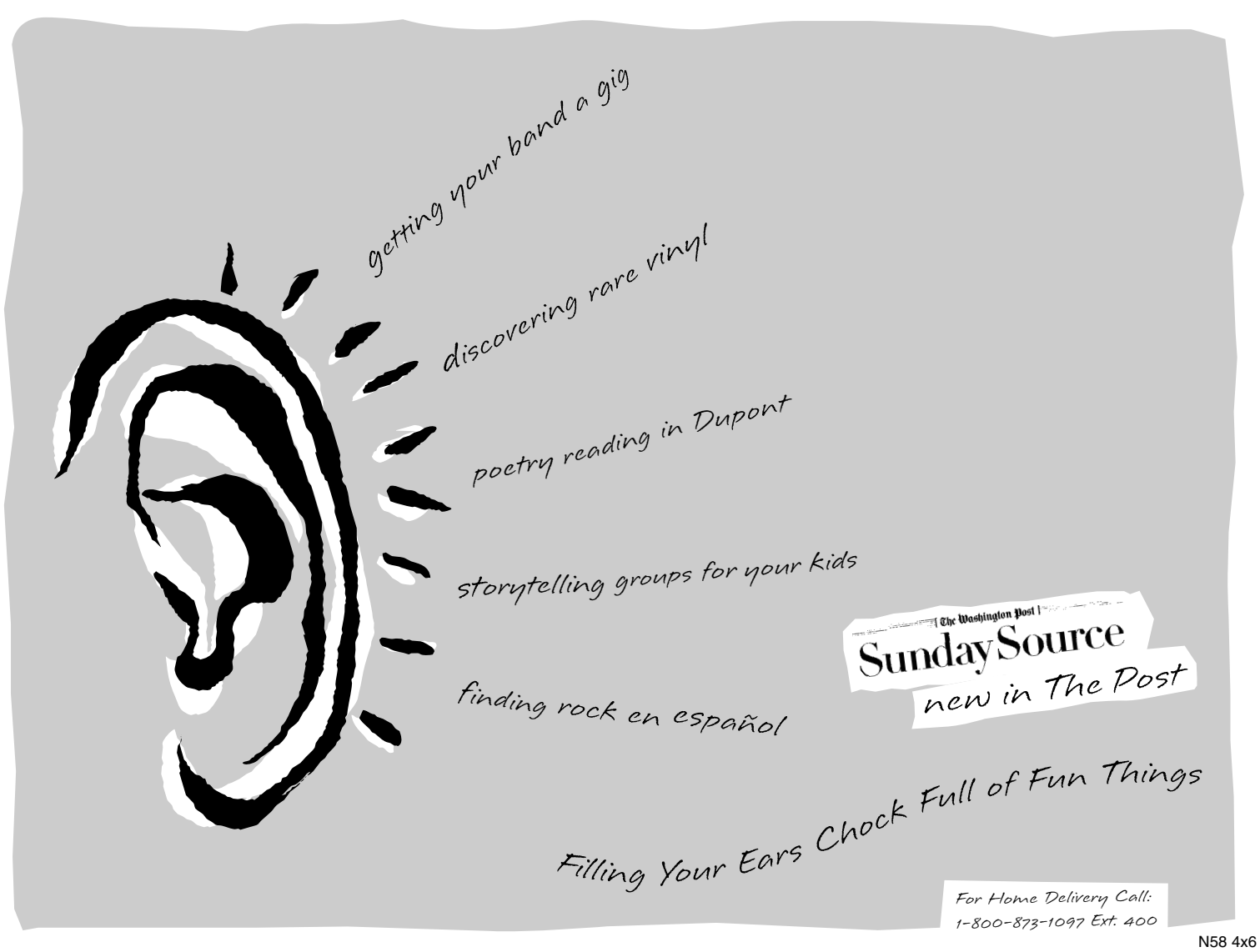

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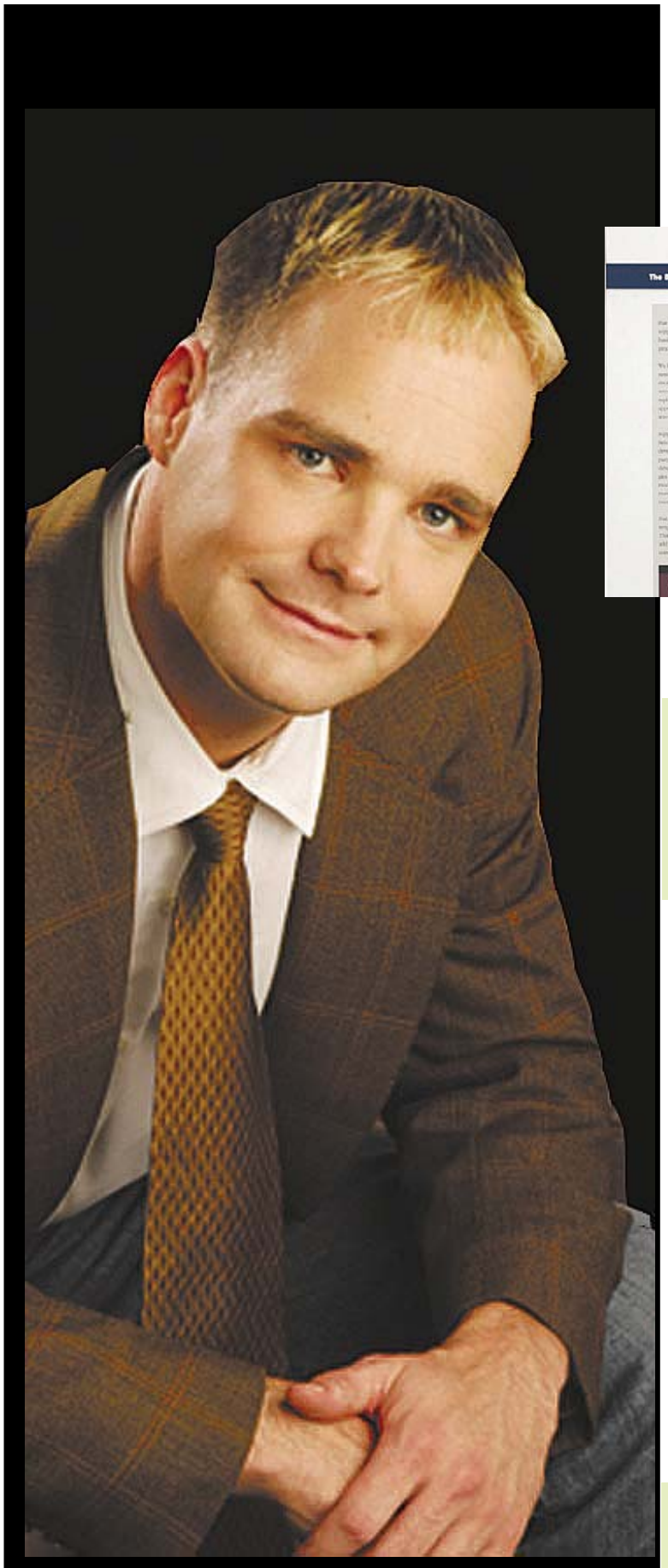

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